

MILFORD HAVEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1944

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my report for the year 1944.

Population -

According to the Registrar-General's returns there is a marked decline in the population compared with the peak of the war years; the present population being given as 9,826.

Births -

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	93	84
Illegitimate	6	5
Total	- 188	

This is a decline of 29 compared with last year

During the last 40 years the number of births has been as low as this on only one occasion

Number of still-births - 12

Deaths -

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
51	45	96

There were ten deaths from Cancer and ten from Tuberculosis.

Infantile Mortality -

Number of deaths under one year - 9

Most of these were due to pre-maturity

Midwives -

There are six experienced and well-trained midwives. No mother died in child-birth. Great credit is due to these nurses for their work often in very trying circumstances in over-crowded homes.

Notifiable Diseases -

Disease	Total Notified	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	12	-	Nil
Pneumonia	16	-	9
Diphtheria	1	1	Nil
Measles	149	-	Nil
Whooping Cough	37	-	Nil
Erysipelas	4	-	Nil

Diphtheria Immunisation -

Only one case was notified during the year. The incidence of Diphtheria has declined markedly since the routine immunisation of children was instituted. It is gratifying to find that parents, with few exceptions, are fully alive to the importance of having their children protected against this serious disease, and at present this town is one of the best immunised against Diphtheria in the whole country.

Tuberculosis -

Number of cases notified - 16
Number of deaths - 8

In spite of war restrictions, the Tuberculous are well cared for. They get priority for milk and other foods as well as a maintenance grant; and there has been no undue delay during the year in admitting patients to institutions.

Veneral Disease -

There has been a marked fall in the incidence of veneral disease during the year.

Infestation -

(1) Bugs - Your Sanitary Inspector has been using the latest sprays and fumigants. This is a difficult process when it is found impossible for the family to vacate the premises - even for one day.

(2) Rats - A trained Rat Catcher is employed, and he has been very successful, using the method advocated by the Ministry of Health.

Water -

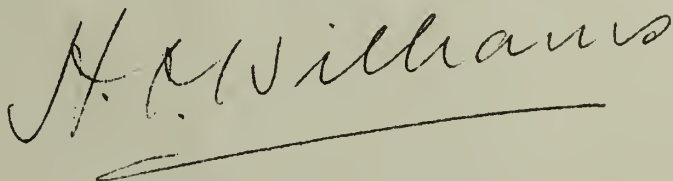
The supply for the town and your neighbours has been ample, and the quality, judged by monthly analyses, is excellent.

Housing -

Your officials are fully prepared to go ahead with this problem as soon as permission is given. Excellent sites have been procured; plans have been prepared and the long overdue sewerage scheme for the North-East area is already under construction.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health

